

understands where we are, where we're going, and how it will affect ordinary citizens more than any other public figure in this country over the last 20 years. He is the right person to be the first President of the 21st century, Al Gore.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:32 p.m. at Loranger Square. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor C.D. (Al) Cappuccilli of Monroe; and Stephen Yokich, president, United Auto Workers. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of Vice President Al Gore.

Statement Announcing the Appointment of the Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation

August 15, 2000

Today I am pleased to name Sandra L. Thurman Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation—the first U.S. Envoy to deal exclusively with a global health issue.

AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa and increasingly threatens Asia and the former Soviet Union. It is reversing hard-won advances in life expectancy and economic growth and imperils the stability and security of nations.

Sandy Thurman has joined the battle against AIDS in every capacity from community activist to national policy director to international policy advocate.

Since I appointed her Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy—a position she will retain—she has traveled repeatedly to Africa and met many leaders including former President Mandela of South Africa, President Museveni of Uganda, and President Obasanjo of Nigeria. She led the U.S. delegation to the International AIDS conference in Durban and co-chaired its session on prevention.

Sandy will be an inspiring envoy. She combines the passion of an advocate with the skill of a diplomat.

One of her top priorities as AIDS Policy Director was to expand America's commitment to fighting global AIDS. Now Sandy will use America's growing efforts as leverage to encourage other countries to expand financial commitments, to step up prevention

efforts, and to increase access to care and treatment worldwide. Sandy has an extraordinary record of service on this issue, and I am proud to make her America's first envoy in the global fight against AIDS.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 13

In the afternoon, in Los Angeles, CA, the President attended a luncheon at the home of entertainer Barbra Streisand for his Presidential library. In the evening, he met with the Arkansas delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Union Station.

August 14

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Beverly Hills, CA. Later, he returned to Los Angeles.

August 15

In the morning, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Monroe, MI. In the evening, they returned to Washington, DC.

August 16

The President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia concerning the Russian submarine accident in the Barents Sea.

The President announced his intention to appoint Najeeb E. Halaby to be a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Tanzania on August 28 to meet with former President Nelson Mandela of South Africa in support of the Burundi peace process.